

Will let you off with a "cut-me-short" this time!

with a slight touch of spice, quite perceptible several feet distant, as I rode through the lanes bordered with the plants. *R. calendulacea* etc, in all its magnificence of scarlet and orange and yellow. The *Uzaleas* are beyond all question the handsomest shrubs of the U.S. and the fragrance of *R. arborea* is not surpassed by that of any other. *Pinus pungens* not uncommon on the ridges in the same region, (Flat Rock N. Cal. 8 miles from So. Car. line) and *P. rigida* also with cones scarcely an inch long! I had the satisfaction also of seeing again my new Fir (by you rejected) which I shall <sup>call</sup> *P. carolinensis*, in <sup>contrast or</sup> opposition to *P. canadensis*, if you have no objection.

I see in the Flora of N.A. you say *Prunus umbellata* <sup>ill.</sup> is unknown to you. Have you heard any thing more of it since?

I hear that Gould (B.U.) has had a time of it in the Albany Obs. How does he manage to fall out with people so? You told me not long since that he had fallen out with or had "cut you". What could that have been about?

Very truly yours  
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4 Sept 1838.

My dear Sir,

You told me to jog your memory about turpentine of *Larix amer. & europ.* *Abies nigra alba*, *balsamea*, of the foreign *Larices*, *Firs* and *Pines* that you may have in cultivation. What the right time for "jogging" is, I do not know, the last time it was too early I think, now it may be too late, I venture the jog, and await the results. As far as I have ascertained at present only the *Pines* of Endlicher's section *Taeda* & *Pinaster* have a marked character as regards "rotative power" of the turpentine. I have a supply of turpentine of *P. Pinaster* of Europe, but have not succeeded in getting that & any other, neither of *P. sylvestris* nor of *P. Pinus* nor of *P. Cembra*. Can't you

"pay" the Jardin des Plantes to send  
me some turpentine for Palmetto seeds?  
I think I can <sup>work</sup> something out of the turpe-  
ntine before they will get a Palmetto  
tree six inches high.

I have received the part of vol  
III of Proceedings of Amer. Acad. which  
you were kind enough to send, but five  
there are still wanting pages 185-248,  
that is forms 24-31. Please send.

There remains in your hands  
for me \$5, <sup>82</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, will you pay Lovering,  
what is due for the 11<sup>th</sup> vol. of Proceedings  
Amer. Assoc. Montreal Meeting, and ask  
him to send me the vol by mail. If the  
12<sup>th</sup> vol is ready pay all to him and ask  
him to credit me with balance due on  
~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> vol. and send both.

I have received the manuscript  
of Amer. Salices by Anderson; deduct  
the price of this from \$ dollr 82 cents above

will leave somewhat less to be paid  
to Lovering. But I won't be long send-  
ing him his pay.

I paid a pleasant visit to our  
mountains at the beginning of June  
last, the first time I have had an oppor-  
tunity of visiting them at that season  
of the year; I wished that I could spend  
four weeks there instead of four days.  
The exhibition of flowers was charming.  
I was surprised as well delighted  
to find Azalea arborea abundant  
and in full flower! Elliott does not  
insert it in his Sketch and Pursue for  
a wonder does not say "Pennsylvania  
to Carolina", so that my surprise was  
complete. I find that you give some hint  
that it is found "down south", and you  
mention its fragrance but do not give  
any comparison of its odor. Its fra-  
grance is most delicious, vanilla.